

**THE
BENSON FAMILY
OF
IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES**

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FORWARD

This genealogy covers three generations of the Author's Benson family beginning with my immigrant ancestor, James Benson, who emigrated from Ireland in the 1700's, eventually settling in South Carolina. The information presented in this genealogy was finalized on 1 April 2019 and consists of approximately 42 pages.

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THE BENSON SURNAME

The name Benson is a patronymic surname of English origin which simply means "son of Ben."

REFERENCES AND INDEX

A listing of references and other source material, as well as an all-name Index, is provided at the end of this genealogy.

DATES

For the most part, many conflicting dates were easily straightened out by simply rechecking the source material or official records. In some cases, however, marriage dates may vary from other published works because the researcher used the date of a marriage bond, or the date a marriage license was issued, instead of the actual marriage date. Even though some of the source material I used did not specify the origin of the marriage date given, I have tried to substantiate the marriage dates as accurately as possible.

In a number of cases an approximate date of marriage, using the abbreviation "ca." for circa (about), is shown based upon information provided in various census documents and other documents. This is also true with respect to death dates which may also vary in that the date of burial, or the date a will was written or submitted for probate, will sometimes be cited by others instead of an actual death date. In those cases where I was unable to determine an actual death date the abbreviation "ca." may be used, or only the known year of death may be cited.

LOCATIONS

With respect to the location at which an event took place, there were many cases when it was not possible to find any record giving the exact location that a birth, marriage or death took place. Because I feel quite strongly that dates should always be accompanied by places, if for no other reason than to aid future research, I made a number of assumptions regarding location based upon available information. For instance, if a family is found in the Fayette County, Indiana census records for 1840 and 1850, and they also show up in the deed and tax records of that county for the same period, I did not feel that it was unreasonable to assume that any children they had during this period were probably also born in Fayette County. In some cases, however, my comfort level with assuming a possible location was limited to a state only.

ABBREVIATIONS

NOTE: Abbreviations for all states will be the two digit abbreviations used by the United States Postal Service.

- * ----- denotes author's direct-line ancestor (pedigree)
- b. ----- born
- bur. ----- buried
- ca. ----- circa (about)
- calc. ----- calculated (generally the date of a document or the date an event transpired less a persons stated age)
- Cem. ----- Cemetery - [all cemeteries are shown in their current location]
- chr. ----- christened/baptized
- Co. ----- County
- d. ----- died
- FHL ----- Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah
- m. ----- married
- M.H. ----- Meeting House (Quaker)
- M.M. ----- Monthly Meeting (Quaker)
- MNU ----- maiden name unknown
- Rev. ----- Reverend
- Twp. ----- Township

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GENERATION ONE

1. James Benson. *

James Benson, the earliest known, and immigrant ancestor, of our Benson family to have been verified to date, is said to have been born in about 1730 in County Tyrone, Ireland. ¹ At the present time the only information that has been found which pertains to how and when James Benson came to reside in South Carolina was provided by his great grandsons, Henry Clark Benson and William Martindale Benson. Unfortunately, their two versions conflict with each other as can be seen in the below excerpts.

This excerpt was taken from the "History of Cherokee County, Kansas and its Representative Citizens,." and was provided by William Martindale Benson. ²

"James Benson was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and shipped to America at the age of 18 years, subject to indenture for his passage money of \$30. This resulted in his working for six years for a Philadelphia weaver, who was a just man and took the young Irish lad into his family as one of his own, winning the youth's lifelong devotion. Prior to the Revolutionary War, he went to South Carolina, where he secured a title to 400 acres of land in Union County, and resided upon it until his death in 1790."

This excerpt was taken from "Copeland, Bostick, Patton, and Allied Families," and was provided by Henry Clark Benson. ¹

"James Benson, born about 1730, attempted to go to America when about twelve years of age because he could not get along with his stepmother. He packed a few clothes, went to Belfast, and booked passage to Richmond, Virginia where his uncle resided. He hoped that his uncle would pay for his passage to America.

“Young James decided to remain in Ireland, however, and did not attempt to make the trip until about two years later. His ship, instead of going to Virginia, went instead to Charleston, South Carolina, and there James was taken over by a man who paid for the passage to America in exchange for James' labor on his farm. James Benson lived in Union District, South Carolina, where he eventually married and where he became quite prosperous.”

Regardless of which version is accurate, James Benson was very likely residing in colonial South Carolina by the early 1750's, as his three known children are all believed to have been born there.

James Benson was later married to a woman named Martha Quinn, and even though no record of their marriage has been found, they are said to have been married in South Carolina.¹ Even though Martha Quinn is believed to have also been born in County Tyrone, Ireland, no information has been found concerning her parentage, or when she arrived in South Carolina.¹ After their marriage, James and Martha resided in that portion of South Carolina that was originally formed into Ninety-Six District in 1769, but was later made a part of Union County, South Carolina in 1798.^{1,3}

James Benson's great grandson, Henry Clark Benson, provided an interesting historical note regarding James Benson during the Revolutionary War, which is shown below.

This excerpt was taken from "Copeland, Bostick, Patton, and Allied Families," and was provided by Henry Clark Benson.¹

"Dr. Benson told an amusing incident about his great grandfather, James Benson, which occurred during the Revolutionary War. James Benson was a Quaker and refused to fight. He sided with the British, however, and vowed not to shave off his beard until King George had conquered the rebels.

"A colonel with a regiment of American soldiers was passing through the neighborhood where James lived, and the colonel, hearing about James, the "rank Tory," sent for a barber who shaved James, taking almost a half of bushel of hair off his face. Strangely enough, James Benson's sons fought on the side of the Americans."

In the above excerpt, Dr. Benson mentions that during the Revolutionary War, James Benson's "sons" fought on the side of the Americans. In another passage he identified these sons as John, William, Henry, and James.¹ Even though there is always a possibility that James and Martha Benson may have had other sons, James Benson, Jr. is the only son named in his father's will. He is also the only male child of James and Martha Benson's to have been uncovered to date. Aside from the above autobiographical sketch, no documented evidence has ever been found that I am aware of to substantiate that James and Martha Benson had any other sons, and after many years of researching this family I personally do not believe they did. Although there were other Benson's residing in South Carolina during the 1700's, no connection to our Benson family has been found.

According to various court records, James Benson was appointed as "overseer of the road from Cooks Bridge to Daniel Lipham's" on 7 April 1794, and served as a "Petit Juror" on 3 January 1797 in the case of Graffs Edson & Company versus Job Hammond over an unpaid debt.⁴

Martha (Quinn) Benson appears to have died prior to April 1799 in what had recently become Union County, South Carolina, as she was not mentioned in James Benson's will.⁵ James, on the other hand, died in Union County, South Carolina in 1801.⁵ His will, which had been written on 20 April 1799, was subsequently probated before the Union County Court on 17 April 1801.⁵

Known issue: (Surname Benson)

2. Mary ----- b. ca. 1754 in SC.⁶
 m. (1) ca. 1772 to Jonathan Frost in Ninety-Six District, SC.⁶
 m. (2) (unknown).⁶
 d. December 1796 in Ninety-Six District, SC.⁷
3. Sarah ----- b. ca. 1756 in SC. (1830 census of Darke Co., OH. shows
 "Sally" 1750-1760)^{6,8}
 m. Alexander Brown in Ninety-Six District, SC.⁶
 d. (last found on the 1830 census of Darke Co., OH.)⁸
- * 4. James ----- b. ca. 1759 in SC. (1830 census of Greene Co., OH. shows
 1750-1760)⁹
 m. ca. 1785 to Elizabeth Clark in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁰
 d. ca. 1830 in Greene Co., OH.⁹

GENERATION TWO

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings are covered in this generation.

2. Mary Benson.

Mary Benson, the daughter of James Benson and Martha Quinn, is believed to have been born in about 1754 in what is now the state of South Carolina. ⁶ Mary was apparently married twice during her life. ⁶ She married first in about 1772 to a man named Jonathan Frost in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina. ⁶ Jonathan, who was born in Frederick County, Virginia, was the son of John and Mary Frost. ⁶

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Mary's husband, Jonathan Frost, was a loyalist who fought on the side of the British. Jonathan, who served as a Major in the Ninety-Six Brigade of the Fair Forest Regiment of Militia during the War, died in action in South Carolina on 13 December 1780. ^{6,11} His widow, Mary, subsequently received thirty-five Pounds Sterling on 7 January 1782 for his six months of military service between 14 June 1780 and 13 December 1780. ¹¹ Although Jonathan Frost did not leave a will, his estate was administered on 11 September 1783 in Ninety-Six District, and an inventory was carried out on 15 September 1783. ¹²

After Jonathan was killed, Mary apparently married for a second time to a man whose name is currently unknown. ⁶ This is substantiated in the genealogy "Frost, Gilchrist and Related Families" compiled by J. Michael Frost. ⁶ It states:

"A letter written by Rhoda Frost, daughter-in-law of Mary (Benson) Frost, to relatives in Tennessee stated that Mary married again after the death of her husband, Major Jonathan Frost. The name of the second husband has not been determined, but Mary Frost named in her will four additional children besides the known Frost children. These children of the second husband were Barnet, Elizabeth, Rachel, and William. Nothing further was learned about these children. Rhoda Frost wrote that the O'Neill family raised the Frost children, presumably after the death of Major Frost."

Mary subsequently died during the month of December 1796 in Old Ninety-Six District, South Carolina. ⁷ Her will, which was dated 25 December 1796, was admitted for probate on 2 January 1797. ⁷ In Mary's will, she specifically referred to her "four youngest children" as being Barnett, Elizabeth, Rachel, and William. ⁷

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Frost)

5. Sarah ----- b. 27 November 1773 in Ninety-Six District, SC. ⁶
 m. (1) () Williams in SC. (?) ^{6,7}
 m. (2) Moses Lindsey, probably in SC. ⁶
 d. 21 November 1834 in Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
 bur. Frost Family Cem, Brentwood, Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
6. John ----- b. 27 January 1775 in Ninety-Six District, SC. ⁶
 M. m. 1802 to Rhoda Miles in SC. ⁶
 d. 21 June 1836 in Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
 bur. Frost Family Cem, Brentwood, Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
7. Mary ----- b. ca. 1777 in Ninety-Six District, SC. ⁶
 m. ca. 1798/1799 to James Copeland in SC. ⁶
 d. 20 March 1833 in Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
 bur. Frost Family Cem, Brentwood, Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
8. Rebecca ---- b. 8 June 1779 in Ninety-Six District, SC. ⁶
 m. Deason Knight in SC. ⁶
 d. 21 September 1856 in Williamson Co., TN. ⁶
 bur. Frost Family Cem, Brentwood, Williamson Co., TN. ⁶

Issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname ?)

9. Barnett ----- b. in SC. ⁷
10. Elizabeth ---- b. in SC. ⁷
11. Rachel ----- b. in SC. ⁷
12. William ----- b. in SC. ⁷

3. **Sarah "Sally" Benson.**

Sarah Benson, the daughter of James Benson and Martha Quinn, was born in what is now the state of South Carolina sometime between 1750 and 1760. ^{6,8} She was later married in South Carolina to a man named Alexander Brown. ⁶ Alexander, who was also a native of South Carolina, appears to have also been born sometime between 1750 and 1760. ^{8,16}

Although Alexander and Sarah remained in South Carolina for many years after their marriage, they eventually moved north to Ohio, where they appear to have resided for a time in Miami County, Ohio, but later settled in Darke County, Ohio. Prior to settling in Darke County, Ohio, however, Sarah (Benson) Brown, as a legatee of her father, James Benson, as well as her children; James Brown and his wife, Sarah; Robert Brown and his wife, Hannah; Anna Goens (Goings); Elizabeth Brown; and Polly Brown; sold 100 acres of land along the Tyger River in Union County, South Carolina on 19 October 1821 to her son, William Brown, and his wife, Polly.¹³ William and Polly Brown subsequently resold this land to a man named Theophilus Penny for \$100.00 on 30 October 1821.¹⁴

After settling in Darke County, Ohio, Alexander and Sarah acquired 80 acres of land there on 14 March 1825 from the U. S. General Land Office.¹⁵ Alexander and Sarah Brown were last found on the 1830 census of Ohio residing in Twin Township in Darke County.⁸ Living nearby were James Brown, Robert Brown, William Brown and David Goens.⁸

Issue: (Surname Brown)

13. Martha ----- b. ca. 1787 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
14. Elizabeth ----- b. ca. 1789 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
15. James ----- b. 8 April 1792 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
m. 6 February 1820 to Sarah "Sally" Coates in Miami Co., OH.^{16,17}
d. 15 March 1878 in Darke Co., OH.¹⁶
16. Anna ----- b. ca. 1793 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
m. David Goens (Goings) in SC.¹⁶
d. in OH.¹⁶
17. William ----- b. calc. 1795 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
m. Mary "Polly" (MNU) in OH.¹⁶
18. Robert ----- b. 11 April 1796 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
m. 29 April 1821 to Hannah Penny in Miami Co., OH.^{16,17}
d. 3 October 1879 in Darke Co., OH.¹⁶
19. Polly ----- b. ca. 1797 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁶
20. Sarah ----- b. ca. 1799 in Union Co., SC.¹⁶

4. James Benson. *

James Benson, the son of James Benson, Sr. and Martha Quinn, is thought to have been born in about 1759/1760 in the state of South Carolina. This is somewhat supported by the 1830 census of Greene County, Ohio which indicates he was born between 1750 and 1760.⁹ During the Revolutionary War, James enlisted as a Private, serving as a horseman in Colonel Thomas Brandon's 2nd Spartan Regiment, and during the years 1781 and 1783, he also supplied provisions and forage to the American forces.¹⁸

After the Revolutionary War, James Benson was married to a woman named Elizabeth Clark, and from this union ten children were born.¹⁰ Although the actual date of their marriage has not been determined, it is believed to have taken place in about 1785. This date is primarily based upon the 13 August 1786 birth date of their eldest son, William Benson, as shown in the Union Cemetery records.¹⁹ Even though William Benson's stated age at the time of his death suggests a birth year of 1784, I do not believe this is correct.²⁰ Elizabeth, who was the daughter of John Clark and Mary Campbell, had been born on 20 June 1767 in York County, Pennsylvania.^{10,21,22}

Although James Benson may have been associated with the Quaker Church prior to his marriage to Elizabeth, the earliest Quaker record that has been found which pertains to him was in the minutes of the Bush River Monthly Meeting of Friends in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina (now Newberry County, South Carolina).²² This entry was dated 26 April 1788, and stated that James Benson had been "received by request."²²

James and Elizabeth Benson were later united with the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends, however, in what is now Union County, South Carolina.²³ In the minutes of this Meeting, dated 24 August 1805, was found the following: "James Benson and family given certificate to Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio."²³ Like many of the Quakers residing in the Carolinas and Virginia, James and Elizabeth Benson decided to move to Ohio after it had become a state in 1803.³ One of the main drawing points of Ohio was that it had been granted statehood as a "free state," and many southern Quakers were known to be anti-slavery. Whether or not the Benson's were anti-slavery Quakers, or whether they were simply looking to settle on new land, is not known, however.

The Benson's were subsequently received on 14 November 1805 at the Miami Monthly Meeting in Greene County, Ohio, and soon took up land along the Little Miami River in Greene County.²⁴ In 1810, however, a new meeting was established as an offshoot of the Miami Monthly Meeting. It was called Caesar's Creek Monthly Meeting, and was located just over the county line in what is now Clinton County, Ohio.²⁵ The minutes of the Caesar's Creek Monthly Meeting show that three of James and Elizabeth's children were married there.²⁵

When the 1820 and 1830 federal censuses of Ohio were enumerated, the Benson's were shown to be residing in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, and it appears that they remained there until James Benson's death, which probably transpired shortly after the 1830 census was enumerated.^{9,21,25,26} Prior to his death, James deeded nearly all of his land holdings to his children. They in turn deeded these lands to John Benson after father's death. John Benson was the youngest child of James and Elizabeth, and most of the older children had already moved to Indiana.

On 27 January 1831, James Benson's widow, Elizabeth, was granted a certificate by the Caesar's Creek Monthly Meeting to join the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends at Lynn in Randolph County, Indiana to be near several of her children who had previously moved there.²⁵ According to the minutes of the Cherry Grove Meeting, Elizabeth was received there on 12 March 1831.²¹ Elizabeth resided in Randolph County, Indiana until her death on 31 January 1844.²¹ She was subsequently buried in the Quaker Lynn Cemetery at Lynn, Indiana.^{10,21,27}

Based upon where James and Elizabeth Benson were residing, it appears that their first five children were born in what was still the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina, while their next four children were born in what had become Union County, South Carolina. Their youngest child, John, however, was born in Greene County, Ohio.

Issue: (Surname Benson)

21. William ----- b. 13 August 1786 in Ninety-Six District, SC.¹⁹
 m. 14 January 1808 to Mary Stewart in Warren Co., OH.¹⁷
 d. 2 August 1847 in Warren Co., IN.^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN.^{19,20}
- * 22. Mary ----- b. 22 December 1788 in Ninety-Six District, SC.^{19,20}
 m. 28 June 1810 to Edward "Neddie" Allen in Greene Co.,
 OH.^{10,17}
 d. 27 September 1843 in Warren Co., IN.^{10,19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN.^{19,20}

23. Henry ----- b. 30 October 1790 in Ninety-Six District, SC. ²¹
 m. 30 January 1812 to Margaret Hammer at the Caesar's Creek
 M.H., Clinton Co., OH. ²⁵
 d. July 1849 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{27,28}
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
24. Jonathan ----- b. (1791-1800) in Ninety-Six District, SC. ⁹
 m. 2 December 1813 to Ruth Brock at the Caesar's Creek M.H.,
 Clinton Co., OH. ²⁵
25. James, Jr. --- b. 29 November 1794 in Ninety-Six District, SC.(calc. from his
 age at time of death) ^{20,29}
 m. 13 February 1823 to Mary Snipes in Warren Co., OH. ¹⁷
 d. 3 May 1876 in Warren Co., IN. ^{20,29}
 bur. McCabe Cem., Carbondale, Warren Co., IN. ^{20,29}
26. Thomas ----- b. calc. 1799 in Union Co., SC. ³⁰
 m. 1 August 1816 to Mary Kelly at the Caesar's Creek M.H.,
 Clinton Co., OH. ²⁵
 d. (last found on the 1850 census of Green Co., WI.) ³⁰
27. Samuel ----- b. 1 December 1800 in Union Co., SC. ^{19,20}
 Isaac m. 10 January 1822 to Martha "Patsy" Martindale in Warren
 Co., OH. ¹⁷
 d. 13 December 1866 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
28. Clark ----- b. 11 January 1802 in Union Co., SC. ^{19,20}
 m. 11 November 1824 to Elizabeth Ann Wilson in Greene Co.,
 OH. ³¹
 d. 22 February 1857 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20,32}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
29. Hester ----- b. 8 April 1804 in Union Co., SC. ^{19,20}
 Ann m. 19 March 1829 to Thomas Dunn in Greene Co., OH. ¹⁷
 d. 27 June 1844 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}

30. John ----- b. 6 February 1809 in Greene Co., OH. ^{27,33}
m. (1) 21 November 1828 to Jane Hunt in Randolph Co., IN. ³⁴
m. (2) 21 December 1854 to Gulielma Hough in Randolph Co.,
IN. ³³
d. 9 August 1879 in Wayne Co., IN. ^{27,33}
bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷

GENERATION THREE

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings are covered in this generation.

21. William Benson.

William Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina on 13 August 1786.¹⁹ (Although William's stated age at the time of his death suggests a birth year of 1784, I do not believe this is correct).²⁰ William was later married on 14 January 1808 in Warren County, Ohio to a woman named Mary Stewart (also written Mary Stuart).¹⁷ Mary, who was the daughter of Robert Stewart and Ann Hornaday, was calculated to have been born in about 1791 in North Carolina.^{35,36}

Although William and Mary resided in Ohio for a number of years after their marriage, they eventually moved west into Indiana, where they resided for a time in Randolph County, before settling permanently in Warren County, Indiana. William died on 2 August 1847 in Warren County, Indiana.^{19,20} He was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery at Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County.^{19,20}

NOTE: The death date for William Benson's wife, Mary Stewart, as well as her place of burial in the Pine Village Cemetery in Warren County, Indiana, are identical to those attributed to James Benson's wife, Mary Snipes. Unfortunately, I have not been able to determine which Mary was actually buried in the Pine Village Cemetery. As such, this information is not being presented to avoid confusion.

Known and enumerated Issue: (Surname Benson)

31. John ----- b. 28 November 1808 in Greene Co., OH.^{19,20}
 m. 21 February 1833 to Ruth Harris in Randolph Co., IN.³⁴
 d. 26 May 1862 in Warren Co., IN.^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem. Pine Village, Warren Co., IN.^{19,20}
32. James ----- b. 11 November 1810 in Greene Co., OH.³⁷
 m. (remained single).^{36,37,38}
 d. (last found on the 1860 census of Warren Co., IN.)³⁸

33. Robert ----- b. 21 January 1813 in Greene Co., OH. ^{20,39}
 S. m. (1) 15 November 1832 to Rebecca Hunt in Randolph Co.,
 IN. ³⁴
 m. (2) 9 November 1837 to Mary Ann Metsker in Warren Co.,
 IN. ³⁴
 d. 13 March 1843 in Warren Co., IN. ^{20,39}
 bur. Pine Village Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{20,39}
34. Henry ----- b. 10 April 1815 in Greene Co., OH. ⁴⁰
 Clark m. 7 June 1843 to Matilda Martin Williamson in Putnam Co.,
 (Rev.) IN. ⁴¹
 d. 15 January 1897 at Santa Clara, Santa Clara Co., CA. ⁴⁰
 bur. Mission City Memorial Park Cem., Santa Clara, Santa
 Clara Co., CA. ⁴⁰
35. Abigail ----- b. 6 January 1818 in Greene Co., OH. ³⁷
 m. 11 September 1843 to Morgan Tucker in Warren Co., IN. ³⁴
 d. 26 February 1848 in Tippecanoe Co., IN. ⁴²
 bur. Greenbush Cem., Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN. ⁴²
36. Alexander ---- b. 13 April 1820 in Greene Co., OH. (calc. from his tombstone)
 Ref: ^{19,20}
 d. 21 March 1840 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
37. Martha ----- b. 29 April 1823 in OH. or IN. ³⁷
 Ann m. 7 October 1847 to Charles W. Wiggins in Warren Co., IN. ⁴¹
 d. 19 October 1849 in IN. ³⁷
38. Rebecca ---- b. 30 October 1830 in Warren Co., IN. (calc. from tombstone)
 Elizabeth Ref: ^{19,20}
 m. 7 November 1852 to William C. Lank in Warren Co., IN.
 Ref: ^{19,41}
 d. 19 January 1857 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}

22. **Mary Benson.** *

Mary Benson, the daughter of James Benson and his wife, Elizabeth Clark, was born in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina on 22 December 1788.^{19,20} She was later married to a man named Edward "Neddie" Allen on 28 June 1810 in Greene County, Ohio.^{10,17} Edward, who was the son of Jackson Allen and Sarah Bond, had been born during the month of December 1790 in Shenandoah County, Virginia.^{10,43}

Although Edward and Mary were both Quakers, Edward had apparently left that faith prior to his marriage to Mary. As a consequence, Mary was condemned by the Miami Monthly Meeting of Friends on 25 August 1810 for marrying contrary to discipline.^{10,24} They later became affiliated with the Methodist Church.¹⁰ Two years after their marriage, Edward was drafted into the military, where he served in the War of 1812 as a private in the 1st Regiment of the Ohio Militia (4th Brigade, 1st Division).¹⁰ Because of his service, Edward received a warrant for 40 acres of land in Ohio.¹⁰

In 1829, however, Edward and Mary left Ohio and moved into western Indiana, where they settled in Warren County.¹⁰ Mary (Benson) Allen died in Warren County, Indiana on 27 September 1843 after a lingering illness.^{10,19,20} She was buried in the Union Cemetery at Pine Village in Warren County, Indiana.^{19,20}

After Mary passed away, Edward married for a second time to a woman named Nancy Alexander on 29 March 1844 in Warren County, Indiana.³⁴ Shortly thereafter, Edward and Nancy moved to Wisconsin to be closer to some of his children who had moved there earlier.^{10,43} According to available census records, Edward and Nancy were residing in Jefferson Township in Green County, Wisconsin in 1850.³⁰

Several years later, Edward Allen, along with his 16 year old grandson who was also named Edward, made a visit back to Indiana.^{10,43} On their way home from Indiana Edward came down with cholera and died in the vicinity of Elgin in Cook County, Illinois.^{10,43} This was in the year 1855.^{10,43} Whatever became of Edward's widow, Nancy, has not been determined.

Issue: (Surname Allen)

- * 39. John ----- b. 4 June 1813 in Greene Co., OH.⁴³
 m. 19 August 1832 to Lavina Odle in Warren Co., IN.^{34,43}
 d. 11 February 1860 in Green Co., WI.^{43,44}
 bur. Basswood Cem., Green Co., WI.⁴⁴

40. Elizabeth ----- b. 27 April 1816 in Greene Co., OH. ⁴⁵
 "Betsy" m. 13 April 1837 to Edmund Davis Brady in Warren Co., IN.
 Ref: ^{34,43}
 d. 10 September 1881 in Warren Co., IA. ⁴⁵
 bur. Lacey Cem., Milo, Warren Co., IA. ⁴⁵
41. Jackson ----- b. 26 August 1818 in Greene Co., OH. ^{43,46}
 m. 24 December 1837 to Rebecca Jane Brady in Warren Co.,
 IN. ^{34,43}
 d. 20 October 1883 at Lebanon, Smith Co., KS. ^{43,46}
 bur. Price-Fairview Cem., Smith Co., KS. ^{43,46}
42. Ruth ----- b. 24 August 1821 in Greene Co., OH. ⁴⁴
 m. 6 August 1840 to William N. Dunn in Warren Co., IN. ³⁴
 d. 25 September 1856 in Green Co., WI. ⁴⁴
 bur. Basswood Cem, Green Co., WI. ⁴⁴
43. Hester ----- b. 17 December 1824 in Greene Co., OH. ⁴⁵
 Ann m. 12 January 1843 to Joseph C. Alexander in Warren Co.,
 IN. ³⁴
 d. 17 July 1868 in Warren Co., IA. ⁴⁵
 bur. Lacey Cem., Milo, Warren Co., IA. ⁴⁵

23. Henry Benson.

Henry Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina on 30 October 1790. ²¹ He was later married to a woman named Margaret Hammer at the Caesar's Creek Meeting House in Clinton County, Ohio on 30 January 1812. ²⁵ Margaret, who was a native of North Carolina, had been born there on 6 April 1791. ²¹ She was the daughter of David Hammer and Charlotte Jay. ^{25,47}

In 1825, Henry and Margaret moved to Randolph County, Indiana, where they resided for the remainder of their lives. According to the records of the Caesars Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends in Clinton County, Ohio, Margaret and children, were given a certificate on 30 December 1824 to join the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends in Randolph County, Indiana. ²⁵ Margaret and her children, Mary and William, were subsequently received into membership at Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting on 12 February 1825. ²¹

Henry Benson, who was a farmer by trade, died during the month of July 1849 in Randolph County, Indiana during a cholera outbreak.^{27,28} He was subsequently buried in the Quaker Lynn Cemetery at Lynn in Randolph County, Indiana.²⁷ Margaret, on the other hand, was last found on the 1850 census of Randolph County, Indiana residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Levi and Mary (Benson) Kenworthy.⁴⁸

Issue: (Surname Benson)

44. Mary ----- b. 1 March 1818 in Clinton Co., OH.⁴⁹
 m. 26 December 1839 to Levi Kenworthy in Randolph Co., IN.⁴¹
 d. 30 March 1887 in Louisburg Twp., Montgomery Co., KS.⁴⁹
 bur. Farm Ridge Cem., Elk City, Montgomery Co., KS.⁴⁹
45. William ----- b. 26 August 1821 in Clinton Co., OH.⁴⁹
 m. 25 April 1848 to Elvira Freestone in Randolph Co., IN.³⁴
 d. 2 January 1897 in Montgomery Co., KS.⁴⁹
 bur. Farm Ridge Cem., Elk City, Montgomery Co., KS.⁴⁹
46. John ----- b. 17 April 1823 in Clinton Co., OH.²⁷
 Milton d. 16 April 1824 at Lynn, Randolph Co., IN.²⁷
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN.²⁷
47. John ----- b. 17 July 1829 in Randolph Co., IN.²⁷
 d. 14 July 1830 at Lynn, Randolph Co., IN.²⁷
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN.²⁷

24. Jonathan Benson.

Jonathan Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina sometime between 1791 and 1800.⁹ He was later married at the Caesar's Creek Meeting House in Clinton County, Ohio to a woman named Ruth Brock on 2 December 1813.²⁵ Ruth, who the daughter of George Brock and Charity Cook, was also born in Ninety-Six District of South Carolina.^{22,25}

By the time the 1820 census of Ohio was enumerated, Jonathan and Ruth had moved to Randolph County, Indiana, where they were residing in West River Township.⁵⁰ They only remained in Randolph County for a few years, however, before moving back to Ohio. According to the 1830 census of Ohio, Jonathan and Ruth were living in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County during that year.⁹

Several years later, Jonathan and Ruth apparently decided to move back to Randolph County, Indiana, as on 27 August 1835 Ruth and most of her children were endorsed by the Caesar's Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends in Clinton County, Ohio to join the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends in Randolph County, Indiana.²⁵ With the exception of Elijah Benson who was married, and John Milton Benson who was not yet born, all of Jonathan and Ruth Benson's other children were named in this endorsement.²⁵ Ruth Benson and these same children were also named when they were received into membership by the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting during the month of December 1835.²¹

Issue: (Surname Benson)

48. Elijah ----- b. calc. 1814 in Greene Co., OH.⁴⁸
m. 22 September 1835 to Ann Sanders in Greene Co., OH.¹⁷
d. (last found on the 1870 census of La Porte Co., IN.)⁵¹
49. James ----- b. calc. 1816 in Greene Co., OH.^{21,25,52}
m. 22 November 1837 to Rebecca York at the Cherry Grove
M.H., Randolph Co., IN.²¹
d. 1866 in Randolph Co., IN.⁵³
50. Isaac ----- b. 27 September 1817 in Greene Co., OH.^{21,25,54}
m. (1) 3 February 1842 to Martha Kinsey in Randolph Co., IN.³⁴
m. (2) 1 October 1846 to Sarah Helton in Randolph Co., IN.³⁴
d. 2 February 1892 in Rice Co., KS.⁵⁴
bur. Springdale Cem., Chase, Rice Co., KS.⁵⁴
51. Charity ----- b. (1820-1825) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.
Ref:^{9,21,25}
52. Clark ----- b. (1820-1825) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.
Ref:^{9,21,25}
53. Henry ----- b. (1820-1825) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.
Ref:^{9,21,25}
54. Lucinda ----- b. (1825-1830) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.
Ref:^{9,21,25}
55. Samuel ----- b. (1825-1830) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.
Ref:^{9,21,25}

56. Jonathan ----- b. (1825-1830) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.
Ref: ^{9,21,25}
57. John ----- b. 14 April 1840 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{55,56}
Milton m. 6 January 1861 to Eliza Jane Cox in Randolph Co., IN.
(permission to marry granted on 5 January 1861 at the
White River M. M., Randolph Co., IN.) ^{55,57}
d. 2 April 1920 at Winchester, Randolph Co., IN. ^{55,56}
bur. Whiteriver Cem., Randolph Co., IN. ⁵⁶

25. **James Benson.**

James Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina on 29 November 1794. ²⁰ He was later married on 13 February 1823 in Warren County, Ohio to a woman named Mary Snipes. ¹⁷ Mary, who was calculated to have been born in 1793 in North Carolina, was the daughter of Matthew Snipes and Mary Crews. ^{36,58}

Although James and Mary originally resided on a farm in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, Ohio for a short time, they soon moved into Warren County, Ohio, where the 1830 census shows them residing in the vicinity of Harveysburg. ⁵⁹ By 1840, however, James and his family were found residing in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County, Indiana. ⁶⁰ James Benson subsequently died in Warren County, Indiana on 3 May 1876, and was buried in the McCabe Cemetery near Carbondale in Liberty Township in Warren County. ²⁹

The names, birth dates, and death dates of the four siblings of Iverson H. Benson were provided to the Author via an e-mail from Mr. Bill Snipes. ⁵⁸ According to Mr. Snipes, James and Mary Benson had a total of five children, four of whom died during the cholera epidemic of 1833 in Warren County, Ohio. ⁵⁸

NOTE: The death date for William Benson's wife, Mary Stewart, as well as her place of burial in the Pine Village Cemetery in Warren County, Indiana, are identical to those attributed to James Benson's wife, Mary Snipes. Unfortunately, I have not been able to determine which Mary was actually buried in the Pine Village Cemetery. As such, this information is not being presented to avoid confusion.

Known and enumerated Issue: (Surname Benson)

58. Emily ----- b. 27 March 1826 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸
d. 16 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸

59. Emaline ----- b. 27 January 1827 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸
 d. 18 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸
60. William ----- b. 12 August 1828 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸
 d. 20 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸
61. Iverson ----- b. 24 February 1830 in Warren Co., OH. ^{58,61}
 H. m. 28 September 1853 to Jane P. Webb in Randolph Co., IN. ⁶²
 d. 19 July 1893 in Polk Co., IA. ^{58,61}
 bur. Woodland Cem., Des Moines, Polk Co., IA. ⁶¹
62. John ----- b. 20 January 1832 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸
 E. d. 28 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH. ⁵⁸

26. Thomas Benson.

Thomas Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was calculated to have been born in about 1799 in Union County, South Carolina. ³⁰ He was later married on 1 August 1816 at the Caesar's Creek Meeting House in Clinton County, Ohio to a woman named Mary Kelly. ²⁵ Mary, who was also a native of South Carolina, was calculated to have been born there in 1799. ³⁰ She was the daughter of Robert Kelly and Sarah Patty. ^{22,25}

Although Thomas and Mary originally settled on a farm in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, Ohio after their marriage, sometime prior to when the 1830 federal census was taken they had moved to Randolph County, Indiana. ⁶³ After residing in Randolph County for about seven years, they subsequently moved on to Warren County, Indiana, where they settled in John Q. Adams Township. ⁶⁰ By 1846, however, Thomas and Mary had moved again, this time to a farm near the town of Monroe in Green County, Wisconsin. ^{30,64}

The child listed below as (female) was abstracted from the 1820 federal census of Greene County, Ohio. ²⁶ This census shows males 101 and females 101. ²⁶ This child is also believed to be one of Thomas and Mary's daughters, but has not been positively identified as yet.

Issue: (Surname Benson)

63. (female) ----- b. ca. 1818 in Greene Co., OH. (1820 census of Greene Co., OH. shows 1810-1820) ²⁶

64. Jonathan ----- b. calc. 1820 in Greene Co., OH. ³⁰
m. 2 December 1840 to Eliza Ann Jones in Warren Co., IN. ³⁴
65. Mary ----- b. calc. 1822 in Greene Co., OH. ³⁰
Ann m. 26 January 1848 to Herod M. Townsend in Green Co., WI. ⁶⁵
66. Samuel ----- b. 27 April 1823 in Greene Co., OH. ⁶⁶
m. 3 January 1849 to Fidelia Church in Green Co., WI. ⁶⁵
d. 9 May 1873 at Washington, Adams Co., IA. ⁶⁶
bur. Forest Hill Cem., Mount Etna, Adams Co., IA. ⁶⁶
67. Robert ----- b. 1827 in Greene Co., OH. ⁶⁷
Kelly m. 8 September 1853 to Amanda Elizabeth Dunaway in Green
Co., WI. ⁶⁵
d. 15 November 1863 in Page Co., IA. ⁶⁷
bur. Hawleyville Cem., Hawleyville, Page Co., IA. ⁶⁷
68. Sarah ----- b. 3 September 1828 in Greene Co., OH. ⁶⁸
m. 15 April 1852 to William J. Barngrover in Green Co., WI. ⁶⁵
d. 30 June 1900 in Fillmore Co., NE. ⁶⁸
bur. Chelsea Cem., Fillmore Co., NE. ⁶⁸
69. Elizabeth ----- b. calc. 1831 in Randolph Co., IN. ³⁰
m. 17 October 1855 to Lewis Mc Bride in Green Co., WI. ⁶⁵

27. Samuel Issac Benson.

Samuel Isaac Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Union County, South Carolina on 1 December 1800. ²⁰ He was later married in Warren County, Ohio on 10 January 1822 to a woman named Martha J. "Patsy" Martindale. ¹⁷ Martha, who was a native of Ohio, was calculated to have been born there in 1805. ³⁶

Samuel and Martha eventually moved to Indiana, where according to the 1850 federal census they were residing on a farm in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County. ³⁶ Samuel later died on 13 December 1866 in Warren County, Indiana. ^{19,20} His will, which had been written on 29 August 1866, was submitted for probate in Warren County on 18 December 1866. ⁶⁹ Samuel was buried in the Union Cemetery at Pine Village in Warren County, Indiana. ^{19,20}

Known issue: (Surname Benson)

70. Mary ----- b. calc. 1823 in Warren Co., OH. ³⁶
 Maria m. (1) 15 March 1840 to Jesse Young in Warren Co., IN. ³⁴
 m. (2) 12 January 1858 to Allen Nicholas in Warren Co., IN. ⁷⁰
71. William ----- b. 20 September 1830 in Warren Co., IN. ⁷¹
 Martindale m. (1) 26 September 1853 to Prudence Malinda Slauter in
 Warren Co., IN. ⁷⁰
 m. (2) 8 September 1885 to Margaret Ann Fagan in Cherokee
 Co., KS. ⁷²
 d. 17 August 1904 at Columbus, Cherokee Co., KS. ⁷¹
 bur. Bethlehem Cem., Columbus, Cherokee Co., KS. ⁷¹
72. Henry ----- b. 20 May 1836 in Warren Co., IN. ¹⁹
 Washington d. 28 January 1839 in Warren Co., IN. ¹⁹
 bur. Union Cem. Near Pine Village, John Q. Adams Twp.,
 Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}

28. Clark Benson.

Clark Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Union County, South Carolina on 11 January 1802. ^{19,20} He was later married in Greene County, Ohio on 11 November 1824 to a woman named Elizabeth Ann Wilson. ³¹ Elizabeth, who was a native of Ohio, was born there in 1806. ^{19,20}

Clark and Elizabeth Benson eventually moved to Warren County, Indiana, where they purchased 80 acres of land on 4 October 1830 from a man named Samuel B. Clark for \$ 200. ⁷³ Three months later, on 2 December 1830, they acquired an additional 80 acres of land there from the U. S. General Land Office. ⁷⁴ Clark Benson died in Warren County, Indiana on 22 February 1857, while Elizabeth died there on 22 July 1872. ^{19,20} Clark's will, which had been written on 8 July 1854, was submitted for probate on 2 March 1857. ³² Both Clark and Elizabeth were buried in the Union Cemetery at Pine Village in Warren County, Indiana. ^{19,20}

The three children listed below as (male) or (female) were abstracted from the 1830 federal census of Greene County, Ohio. ⁹ This census shows males 10001 and females 2001. ⁹ Because the two (female) children do not show up on the 1840 census of Warren County, Indiana, they probably died young. ⁶⁰

Issue: (Surname Benson)

73. (female) ----- b. (1825-1830) in Greene Co., OH. ⁹
d. believed to have died young.
74. (female) ----- b. (1825-1830) in Greene Co., OH. ⁹
d. believed to have died young.
75. (male) ----- b. (1825-1830) in Greene Co., OH. ⁹
76. John ----- b. 17 September 1834 in Warren Co., IN. ⁷⁵
C. m. 10 December 1868 to Nancy G. Wiggins in Tippecanoe Co.,
IN. ⁷⁶
d. 6 August 1907 at Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN. ^{75,77}
bur. Sand Ridge Cem., West Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN. ⁷⁵
77. Elizabeth ----- b. 25 October 1838 in Warren Co., IN. ⁷⁸
Emily m. (1) 27 June 1856 to Laben E. Waymire in Berrien Co., MI. ⁷⁹
m. (2) 19 October 1876 to John C. Swadley in Warren Co.,
IN. ⁷⁶
d. 24 January 1898 in IN. ⁷⁸
bur. Armstrong Chapel Cem., Green Hill, Warren Co., IN. ⁷⁸
78. Harvey ----- b. December 1840 in Warren Co., IN. ⁸⁰
A. m. (1) 19 November 1865 to Elizabeth Ann Waymire in Warren
Co., IN. ⁷⁶
m. (2) 10 February 1893 to Mary E. Thurston at Kansas City,
Jackson Co., MO. ⁸¹
d. (13 March 1931 in Leavenworth Co., KS. ⁸²
bur. Leavenworth National Cem., Leavenworth, Leavenworth
Co., KS. ⁸²
79. David ----- b. 4 October 1842 in Warren Co., IN. ⁸³
Brown m. (1) 5 December 1869 to Amanda Clark in Fountain Co.,
IN. ⁷⁰
m. (2) 31 December 1874 to Elmina Ruth "Minnie" Draper in
Warren Co., IN. ⁷⁰
d. 21 October 1925 in Warren Co., IN. ⁸³
bur. Riverside Cem., Attica, Fountain Co., IN. ⁸³

80. George ----- b. 7 November 1844 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 Washington d. 16 November 1852 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
81. Mary ----- b. 7 September 1849 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 Margaret d. 20 August 1852 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
82. Rachel ----- b. calc. 1852 in Warren Co., IN. ³⁸
 Rebecca

29. **Hester Ann Benson.**

Hester Benson, the daughter of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Union County, South Carolina 8 April 1804. ^{19,20} She was later married to a man named Thomas Dunn at Xenia in Greene County, Ohio on 19 March 1829. ¹⁷ Thomas, who was a native of Virginia, was calculated from his age at the time of his death to have been born on 14 March 1806. ⁸⁴

Although Hester and Thomas remained in Greene County for several years after their marriage, by 1840, however, they had moved to Warren County, Indiana. ⁶⁰ Hester died in Warren County on 27 June 1844. ^{19,20} She was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery at Pine Village in Warren County, Indiana. ^{19,20}

After Hester passed away, Thomas married in Warren County, Indiana for a second time to a woman named Cynthia Berry on 1 May 1845. ⁷⁰ Shortly thereafter, Thomas and Cynthia moved to Wisconsin, where they are shown on both the 1850 and 1860 federal censuses residing on a farm at Monroe in Green County. ^{30,85} In addition to five of the children Thomas had from his first marriage to Hester, seven younger children from his second marriage to Cynthia were also listed. These were: Isaac M., Hester A., and Martin L., Sylvester S., Franklin B., Margaret M., and Baldwin S. Dunn ^{30,85}

Sometime prior to 1870, however, Thomas and Cynthia had moved to Iowa where they were found residing on a farm at Van Meter in Dallas County, Iowa. ⁸⁶ Thomas died at Van Meter in Dallas County, Iowa on 17 February 1885, and was subsequently buried in the Thornton Cemetery at Van Meter, Iowa. ⁸⁴

Issue: (Surname Dunn)

83. John ----- b. 28 August 1831 in Greene Co., OH. ⁸⁷
 Rafer m. (1) 11 March 1857 to Nancy Emma Thomason in Warren
 Co., IN. ⁷⁶
 m. (2) 18 June 1872 to Mary E. Burson at Belmont, Warren Co.,
 IA. ⁸⁸
 d. 13 April 1914 in Belmont Twp., Warren Co., IA. ⁸⁷
 bur. Milo I.O.O.F. Cem., Milo, Warren Co., IA. ⁸⁷
84. Elizabeth ----- b. 17 April 1832 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 M. d. 8 April 1840 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
85. Eliza ----- b. 2 April 1833 in Warren Co., IN. ⁸⁹
 Jane m. 25 August 1867 to Edmund J. Gantt in Dallas Co., IA.
 (divorced) ^{88,90}
 d. 16 October 1911 at Indianola, Warren Co., IA. ⁹¹
86. Emaline ----- b. 20 June 1836 in Warren Co., IN. ⁹²
 Rebecca m. 4 September 1856 to Daniel Miller in Green Co., WI. ⁶⁵
 d. 23 July 1912 Warren Co., IN. ⁹²
 bur. I.O.O.F. Cem., Indianola, Warren Co., IA. ⁹²
87. James ----- b. 27 October 1838 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 d. 3 April 1840 in Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
 bur. Union Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN. ^{19,20}
88. William ----- b. August 1840 in Warren Co., IN. ^{93,94}
 C. m. 24 December 1865 to Matilda Jean Woodward in Warren
 Co., IA. ⁸⁸
 d. 1912 in Dallas Co., IA. ⁹⁴
 bur. Oakdale Cem., Adel, Dallas Co., IA. ⁹⁴
89. Charles ----- b. 31 July 1842 in Warren Co., IN. ⁹⁵
 Wesley m. (1) 2 December 1866 to Sarah Moorman in Warren Co.,
 IA. ⁸⁸
 m. (2) 9 January 1889 to Amelia Elizabeth (Cason) Bell in
 Warren Co., IA. (widow of James A. Bell) ^{88,95}
 d. 21 November 1917 at Indianola, Warren Co., IA. ⁹⁵
 bur. Wallace Cem., Wick, Warren Co., IA. ⁹⁵

30. John Benson.

John Benson, the youngest son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Greene County, Ohio on 6 February 1809.^{27,33} John was apparently married twice during his life. He married first on 21 November 1828 to a woman named Jane Hunt in Randolph County, Indiana.³⁴ Jane, who was a native of South Carolina, had been born there on 7 November 1804.^{21,27,48} She is strongly believed to be the daughter of Abraham Hunt and Sarah Chamness.^{21,96}

Although John and Jane resided in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, Ohio for several years after their marriage, by 1840 they had moved to Randolph County, Indiana.^{9,97} According to the records of the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends in Randolph County, Abraham and Clark, minor children of John Benson, were received into membership there on 17 July 1837.²¹ Jane died in Randolph County, Indiana on 4 July 1851.²⁷

After his first wife passed away, John married on 21 December 1854 for a second time, also in Randolph County, Indiana, to a woman named Gulielma Hough.³³ Gulielma, who had been born in Wayne County, Indiana on 28 July 1825, was the daughter of Jonathan Hough and Gulielma Hutchens.^{98,99}

In about 1864, John and his family moved to Wayne County, Indiana, where they settled on a farm in New Garden Township.³³ John subsequently died in Wayne County, Indiana on 9 August 1879.^{27,33} John Benson and his first wife, Jane, were both buried in the Quaker Lynn Cemetery at Lynn in Randolph County, Indiana.²⁷

After John passed away, his widow, Gulielma, and two of the children she had with John, moved to Kansas, where they were found on the 1910 federal census residing at Kansas City in Wyandotte County.¹⁰⁰ Gulielma later died at Kansas City in Wyandotte, County, Kansas on 21 February 1912.^{98,99} She was buried, along with her two eldest children, in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Kansas City in Wyandotte County, Kansas.^{98,99}

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Benson)

90. Abraham ----- b. 28 October 1830 in Greene Co., OH.²¹
 Hunt m. 4 August 1854 to Ruth Talbert in Preble Co., OH.¹⁷
 d. (last found on 1900 census of Douglas Co., KS.).¹⁰¹

91. Clarkson ----- b. 6 November 1833 in Randolph Co., IN. (tombstone gives the year of birth as 1834) ^{21,27}
 m. 27 February 1856 to Sylvania Beard in Randolph Co., IN. ¹⁰²
 d. 5 August 1912 in Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
92. Rebecca ----- b. 3 May 1836 in Randolph Co., IN. ²¹
 m. 12 January 1856 to Levi Beard in Randolph Co., IN. ¹⁰²
 d. 1922 in Randolph Co., IN. ¹⁰³
 bur. Fountain Park Cem., Winchester, Randolph Co., IN. ¹⁰³
93. James ----- b. 9 July 1838 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{21,27}
 William d. 28 February 1861 at Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
94. Henry ----- b. 22 February 1842 in Randolph Co., IN. ²¹
 d. believed to have died young.
95. Sarah ----- b. 30 June 1844 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{21,27}
 Jane d. 5 September 1846 at Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷
96. Mary ----- b. 6 November 1846 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{21,27}
 Elizabeth m. 5 February 1870 to Henry Pickett in Randolph Co., IN. ¹⁰²
 d. 5 September 1943 at Versailles, Darke Co., OH. ^{27,104}
 bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. ²⁷

Issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname Benson)

97. Thomas ----- b. 2 September 1856 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{99,105}
 Clarkson m. 28 July 1877 to Helen Coptolia "Tolia" Magee in Wayne Co.,
 IN. ⁷⁰
 d. 10 September 1927 at Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. ⁹⁹
 bur. Oak Grove Cem., Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. ⁹⁹
98. Jane ----- b. 17 July 1859 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{99,105}
 "Jennie" m. (remained single).
 d. April 1891 at Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. ⁹⁹
 bur. Oak Grove Cem., Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS. ⁹⁹

99. Albert ----- b. 12 June 1863 in Randolph Co., IN. ^{105,106}
m. 1 January 1885 to Annie S. White in Wayne Co., IN. ⁷⁰
d. 8 December 1922 in Canyon Co., ID. ^{106,107}
bur. Greenleaf Cem., Greenleaf, Canyon Co., ID. ¹⁰⁷

* Denotes author's direct-line ancestor (pedigree).

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